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REMARKS

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1. At 8 p.m. on 18 June 1952, flying by four DC-3s started at Staaken airfield. Flying still continued at 11 p.m. The airfield lighting facilities and the searchlight in the western section of the airfield were not switched on. The planes took off and landed in complete darkness. One plane, had its landing light on while landing. The aircraft took off at intervals of 10 to 15 minutes. They remained aloft for about 10 minutes.

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2. On 20 June, the same night flying activity was observed as on 18 June. Flying was still going on at 11:30 p.m. Between 1:30 and 2:45 p.m., two DC-3s [redacted] were parked in front of the hangars in the southeastern corner of the field.

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3. On 27 June, shortly before 1 p.m., a DC-3 [redacted] landed at the field coming from the west. [redacted]

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- * Comment. The report confirms that Staaken airfield is still occupied by elements of an air transport regiment which is equipped with Li-2s (DC-3s). According to previous reports, it is believed that the unit at the field is equipped with about 10 aircraft, most of which are parked in the hangars. The information that the aircraft were observed at the field in late June indicates that this unit did not participate in air landing exercises at Altenburg airfield. From the large number of Li-2s assembled at Altenburg between 19 June and about 3 July it is inferred that some of the planes had arrived from outside the Soviet Zone of Germany.

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